even the skeptics are inclined to believe that at last he really is.

plify matters greatly. It will mean the evening. necessity of a readjustment and a rearrangement, but the greatest obstacle of all to a reasonably speedy adjust- leading from them to the city are bement will have been removed. If Huerta goes it will be necessary to select some one in his place. It is probable that the A B C mediators will offer their good offices for this purpose. It is said here to-night that Felix Diaz, ports continue to circulate here that nephew of Porfirio Diaz and leader of the revolt which resulted in the over- the provisional Presidency of Mexico throw and death of Madero, is being on condition that he be assured a safe groomed for the place of Provisional conduct to a port and placed on board

President of Mexico. An unexplained truce has been arranged between the Federals and rebels cles in this city that General Huerta at Tampico, according to a dispatch was ready to resign a week ago, but from Rear Admiral Badger, who was prevented from doing so by interlearned this from Rear Admiral Mayo, nat dissensions in his Cabinet. The at Tampico. Why hostilities should suddenly have ceased at the most important point of contact of the two warring factions is something Washington does not yet know.

No Armistice Existing.

General Carranza, leader of the Constitutionalists, has not entered into the armistice which the mediators proposed and to which Huerta subscribed.

While the mediators decline to discuss the refusal of Carranza to agree to an armistice or to suspend hostilities, it is evident that they are not greatly surprised nor discouraged. An armistice between Huerta and the United States they regarded as almost essential to the success of their efforts, but such a suspension of hostilities between Carranza and Huerta, while highly desirable, is more a humane than a diplomatic desideratum.

Continued hostilities between the United States and Mexico were likely at any moment to be productive of an outburst of resentment which would nullify every effort to avert war.

The truce which has been reached at Tampico is regarded as highly impertant. It probably will result in saving the vast foreign oil interests located there. In the light of Carranza's refusal to enter into a general armistice it is assumed that the military experts at Vera Cruz were right in their views that the Constitutionalists because of the presence of the Federal gunboats. It is suggested, also, that possibly Carranza realized that continued fighting at Tampico would the vast oil property, and that in view of his military successes elsewhere he American troops. did not wish to run the risk of destroying what may prove a valuable asset once he acquires control in Mexico. It already immense foreign claim, which, if he should become President, he

would have to meet. in their work by reports of the probable withdrawal of Huerta, Instead are going forward with their plans for the proposed peace conference. When and where this conference will be held has not been fully determined. It is stated on good authority, however that the meeting probably will not be in Washington, but in Can-Secretary Bryan will not represent the United States, according to the best information at hand, and neither will John Lind. It is learned to-day that, in addition to that of Richard Olney, the President has before him Henry White.

Will Send Peace Envoy.

the proposed peace conference. This remaining in this country. the mediators ascertained before they announced that he had been invited to send a delegate. They also sounded Huerta, and found that he, too, would risked no rebuff, the call was issued.

It is believed here that before Huerta leaves Mexico City to its fate he will make a new appointment to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Since the abrupt retirement of Lopez Portillo the place has been occupied by sub-Secretary Esteva Ruiz, but his appointment, zilian Consul and Vice-Consul will ac- gaged in burning the ties and destroyaccording to the notification which has been sent here, is only temporary.

Under the Mexican Constitution the Minister of Foreign Affairs succeeds to the provisional Presidency if the offices of President and Vice-President are vacated. There is no Vice-President now, and when Huerta quits the Minister for Foreign Affairs will become lack of mail facilities, and in consequence President. It was in this manner that of this the Brazilian and Spanish minis-Huerta succeeded to his present office, ters have arranged with the War De-Huerta Seeks Strong Man.

Huerta is expected to appoint some strong man to the place. This man would not, of course, be recognized by the administration here. President Wilson will continue to insist upon a constitutional election. It is considered ference is pessimistic. certain, however, that Huerta's sucpointment, and that whoever takes the CARRANZA REFUSES job will at once reach an understanding with the Constitutionalists.

Officals of the administration make no effort to conceal their pleasure over the prospect of the early elimination of Huerta. In fact, the outlook seems to establish as soon as possible the conhe just what the State Department has stitutional order which will produce been working for-the elimination of Huerta and in his place the Constitu-

The administration is worried over conditions at Vera Cruz. The skirmish solely as one who is acting with the between Mexican soldiers and the determination of doing what I consider Americans guarding the waterworks best for the best interests of my native vesterday, and General Funston's report that there are about 10,000 Fedral soldiers only ten miles inland from

Vera Cruz have caused anxiety. It is realized that should Huerta break the armistice, or should he lose United States, was hurriedly ordered tocontrol and his troops do so, they could day to proceed to Washington from Carlsprobably destroy the waterworks and bad, where he has been taking the cure. thus leave 25,000 or 50,000 persons in The nature of his mission was not made

Vera Cruz without water.

The naval forces could be supplied Burleson Seeks Summer Home. by the American marines in the fighting with distilled water from their ships. but the capacity of the stills would not be sufficient to take care of even a

say nothing of the non-combatants.

Huerta has been "crumbling" and "tot-tering" for a great many months. So tional forces could be landed at that HUERTA TIGHTENS confident is the administration that point constituted the chief topic at the conference between the Secretary of War and his military aids and with the The retirement of Huerta will sim- Assistant Secretary of the Navy this

> One cause for anxiety is that the waterworks and most of the pipes lines youd the range of the guns of the battleships, so that General Funston must depend entirely on his own resources.

Vera Cruz, May 3.-Persiatent ro- AMERICANS ORDERED General Huerta intends to retire from a foreign warship.

It is asserted in some Mexican cirdisappearance from the Mexican Cabinet of José Lopez Portillo y Rojas, the Foreign Minister, coupled with reports that there is a growing undercurrent of feeling in Mexico City against the Huerta government, is interpreted here as foreshadowing a change in the situation in the Federal capital.

Some of the close observers here of the government situation incline to the view that Senor Portillo's resignation may clear the way eventually for the appointment of a Foreign Minister who, under the Mexican constitution, could succeed General Huerta as President. In these circles it is puointed out that while Venustiano Carranza declined to treat with General Huerta he might consent to enter into negotiations with his successor and thus facilitate mediation.

The effect of the continued rebel successes in the north and the outcome of the pending attack on Tampico may, according to well informed opinion, bring about a rapid change in Mexico

While the federal capital was reported quiet to-day persons who arrived here from the seat of government said that the people there were beginning to learn that General Huerta had been deceiving them all the time by issuing false reports of Federal successes

over the Constitutionalists. which the Americans are occupying During the alarm over the flurry at the had little prospect of taking Tampico Vera Cruz, it is said, has spread to the water works at El Tejar yesterday decapital and has convinced Mexicans tachments of marines and bluejackets the port is not for conquest or aggres- ing. Field guns were put into readiprobably result in the destruction of the capital fear the coming there of last moment, when headquarters Francisco Villa more than that of the learned that there was no need for as-

The elements in Mexico City, which cancelled. cling to the memory of the late President Francisco I. Madero are reported is thought, too, that he does not care to be incensed by the arrest of some a blazing sun. Another battalion of by such destruction to augment the of the Deputies who were cast into jail marines and a battalion of 4th Infantry once before on charges of conspiracy.

The mediators have not been deterred AMERICANS WARNED TO OUIT MEXICO CITY

Huerta, on Request of Brazilian Minister, Is to Provide Train for Them To-day.

Mexico City, May 3.-Another warning received to-day by the Brazilian Minister from Consul Canada, at Vera Cruz, who advised the remaining Americans in the Federal capital to leave without delay. The Brazilian Minister said:

While Carranza will not enter into asked to secure the safety and complete fantry Regiment on duty. The Mexithe armistice he will send a delegate to protection and comfort of the Americans cans were carrying hundreds of rounds though he claimed he was an officer of not been fed lately and seemed inclined

made this morning to the Department of Foreign Relations for a special train for other line and it was leading to the Department of troop train had gone out along the five hundred men under him he was be willing to send some one to present ders for the necessary arrangements to progress. The Americans thanked them than one hundred. his views if he were formally asked. he made, and the train will leave this and retraced their steps to El Tejar. Having learned in advance that they city for Coatzacoalcos at 6 o'clock to-morrow evening.

"General Huerta assured me in particular that the train would carry the requisite number of sleeping cars for the women and children of the party, and would run under the protection of the Brazilian flag and with an adequate military escort to guard the passengers. The Bracompany the train on behalf of the Bra- ing the line. zillan Legation."

Rumors as to the ill health of Huerta were apparently unfounded, as he took his usual walk in Chapultepec Park this through these Rear Admiral Badger is morning and later appeared in a promi-nent restaurant. Whenever he was recognized he was cheered.

Business interests are suffering from partment for an emergency service.

sent the Federal government at the conference and that their names will be announced shortly. The general feeling here in regard to the con-

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"By virtue of the above, I state to you that I cannot accept the armistice which you propose. Consider my act

Huerta Orders Casasus Here. ing up intrenchments. Mexico City, May &-Joaquin D. Casasus, former Mexican Ambassador to the public.

Westerly, R. I., May . 3 .- Postmaster forces on April 21. General Burleson probably will be a resident of Watch Hill next summer. small part of the troops on shore, to and Mrs. Burleson inspected a house here own dead to coincide with the departure to-day. No final decision was reached, of the Montana with the bodies of the steamers to carry water to Vera Cruz igh the summer colony.

VERA CRUZ CORDON

Milk, Fruit and Vegetables Barred from City by Soldiers.

TO AVOID A CLASH

Outposts at Water Works Have Been Increased, However, and Machine Guns Added.

[By Cable to The Tribune.] Vera Cruz, May 3 .- The cruiser Montana sailed this afternoon for New York with the bodies of the seventeen Americans killed during the action here or who died later. As the Montana passed through the fleet bluejackets and marines stood at quarters, flags were flown at halfstaff and the bands played funeral dirges.

The second Sunday of American occupation found conditions in Vera Cruz nearly normal. The most apparent difference was due to lack of milk, fruit and vegetables, due to the Federal cordon about the city.

The ordinary Vera Cruz citizen seems to take American rule as a matter of course. As an example of what might possibly result in other cities in Mexico after the feeling of hostility has subsided, a resident said to-day that for the first time in the last six months citizens of Vera Cruz were safe from

Moving picture and vaudeville shows resumed last night and there was a modified builfight to-day without

Consul Canada states that the report that Germans landed marines at Acapulco and took off American refugees was unauthorized.

Strict orders were issued to-day from headquarters for the American soldiers and marines in Vera Cruz and the vicinity to remain in the same positions and not to advance or to bring on an The news of the peaceful way in encounter with the Mexican troops. there that the American invasion of were prepared for an immediate land-Refugees say the inhabitants of ness for conveyance ashore, but at the sistance from the fleet, all orders were

One marine battalion order to hurry out to El Tejar made the march under were taken forward as quickly as the rickety narrow gauge railroad and the patched-up locomotives could take them. At the same time artillery and CRUISER SAILS WITH mounted detachments with machine gun platoons were held in readiness.

The threat to take El Tejar is regarded here as having been made by one of the junior Mexican officers and not by General Gustavo Maas himself, The outpost under Major Butler at El Tejar, which has been increased to 600 men, with field pieces and machine be that they were waiting for nightisolated from the city.

Lieutenant William E. Selbie, of the assurances that both he personally and the Mexican troops, and was astonished left camp his ministers would do everything that I to find a squad of the 18th Mexican In- resumed. "When I referred to the request I had and informed the Americans that a cwn initiative, and when he said he had their photographs. other line, and it was in that direction lying. From those who saw his outfit cident is that this outpost duty is a Americans desiring to leave the rederat that the battle, if any, must be in it was learned that he had not more cavalry proposition, and, undoubtedly,

A Mexican corporal during the meet-General Maas was nor how strong his party of forty men a few miles beyond the break in the line. Much smoke was seen along the railroad, and it was deduced that the Mexicans were en-

The only communication between Vera Cruz and Tampico is by means of the naval wireless instruments, and handkerchief as a flag of truce keeping in close touch with the situation there. All was reported quiet in that port to-day.

The German liner Ypiranga is preparing to sail for New Orleans, but intends to stop at intermediate points along the coast to pick up German It is said that two or more Mexican refugees. Officials of the line as well intention of an attempt to be made to whose arrival here brought about the a manner most insolent he said: seizure of the Vera Cruz custom house.

Officials in Vera Cruz look forward to a lengthy period of inactivity while

information sent to the War Department by General Funston, commanding at Vera Cruz. There are 4,000 Mexican soldiers at Soledad, twenty miles away, un-There are 5,000 more troops at Jalapa. about eighty miles from Vera Cruz, on the Interoceanic Railway. Fifteen hundred more are reported at Palma, the

precise whereabouts of which is not known here, but it is supposed to be mewhere near Vera Cruz. At Jalapa and Palma the Mexican troops are throw-

MEXICANS HONOR KILLED (By the Central News of America.) Vera Cruz, May 3.—Thousands of inhabitants of Vera Cruz went to the their rifles. cemeteries to-day to place flowers on the graves of the Mexicans who were killed by the American marines in the fighting

The Mexicans timed their demonstra He tion of sympathy and respect for their The feasibility of utilizing tank but he intimated that they expected to Americans killed in the fighting on the

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sentries. In expectation of this Major Smedley,

The story of Major Russell, as he told it to me, was that two Federals with flags of truce approached his outposts and said that their commander remainder in the set of the desired to accept the set of th ing said he did not know how far back flags of truce approached his outposts forces were, except that there was a quested an interview with the officer commanding the pumping station for the purpose of placing his men in a manner least likely to bring about a conflict between the American and Mexican outposts. Approving of this precaution while mediation obtains, Major Russell walked out, accompanied by an interpreter carrying a white

Mexican's Conduct Offensive.

Major Russell found the Federal officer attired in the proper uniform of a major of the regular army. He was with Huerta less in evidence, about 25, mounted, and, as the American officer approached, he did not dismount, but breach of etiquette Major Russell ig- for peace totalled 100,000. delegates are to be appointed to repre- as the German Consulate disclaim any nored, thinking the man erred through land at Tampico the war munitions showed he desired to be offensive. In whose arrival here brought about the smanner most insolent he said: Wilson praised for his watchful waiting

"I have come to take over your command and demand the surrender of heard peace addresses at St. Paul's Methyour arms and your men. I am an officer odist Church, West End ave. and 86th st. awaiting the result of the pending of President Huerta, and my command numbers five hundred."

Major Russell was as furious as he Peace Union. tended to consider the proposition.

consider it? Two hours?" "No. Ten minutes," replied the Mexican officer; then he asked: "How will

I know your decision?"

"Try to pass my outposts and you will find out," replied Major Russell. Without another word Major Russell turned from the Mexican. He fully expected to receive a volley in the back. but, not liking the looks of the peace parley, Second Lieutenant Case had thrown his men across the trail and uation, "The Daily Graphic" says: had the Mexican officer covered with

Reinforcements Quickly Off. Meanwhile the lookout on the water

tion were lost, the "S O S" call was wirelessed to brigade headquarters and reinforcements of the 4th Infantry and marines under Colonel Le Jeune arrived promptly, but after firing a few shots, which the marines answered with one, the Federals disappeared as mysteriously as they came.

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Later in the day some of them were guns, since the alarm, is in a naturally fall, when, aided by moonlight, they seen by a squad of the medical corps strong position, easy to defend, but is might rush the camp or snips the and by Joseph Patterson, of "The Chicago Tribune." The Federals were then four miles from the pumping station 4th Infantry, with a corporal and some with three companies, remained on out- and were moving west. At the same of his men, proceeded to the break in post duty, but, except for mosquitos, time Captain Selby, of the 4th Infantry, the names of John Bassett Moore and morning and received from him repeated the railroad where it was torn up by our sleep was undisturbed, and when I our ago routine had been been sent down along the railroad track by the Intelligence Department, stum-The major of the Federal cavalry, al- bled into a Federal outpost that had of ammunition. They were friendly, Huerta, was probably acting on his to eat us. We mollified them by taking

The moral of the pumping station inwill be detailed to act as scouts along

PEACE DAY SUCCESS ALL DUE TO HUERTA

Where 25,000 Churches Observed Occasion Last Year 100,000 Took Part Yesterday.

President Huerta of Mexico made the Church Peace Union's "Peace Sunday" yesterday a great success. Last year, 000 ministers preached sermons on world peace. The union last night estimated that those observing yesterday by preach-

At the West End Presbyterian Church, ignorance, but the Mexican quickly Amsterdam ave and 105th st., yesterday policy, and last night half that number

In all the Episcopal churches a special prayer was used, furnished by Bishop Green, who is president of the Church [From The Tribune Bureau.] Major Russell was as furious as he Peace Union. The Rev. Dr. C. F. Reis-Washington, May 3.—The enemy which was amazed, but, desiring to gain time ner, in Grace Methodist Church, prethe American army faces at Vera Cruz and place his men in positions for de- sented moving pictures of Mexico, havnumbers about 10,000 men, according to fence if the occasion demanded, he pre- ing Mme. Annette von Brandis, the wife of an engineer who lived in Mexico for "This is a very serious demand," he twenty years and travelled everywhere, said. "How long do you give me to to explain them. The Rev. Dr. A. E. need not make haste."

SEES ONLY SHORT RELIEF London Paper Thinks Huerta and what Europe is now studying are

Question a Minor One. [By Cable to The Tribune.] London, May 4.—Commenting on the

latest development in the Mexican sit-

"The resignation of Huerta would probably bring about momentary simplification of the troubles of President a split in the Constitutionalist ranks. night.

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of his leaders it is believed his task will be hopeless, and with their entire co-operation it will be stupendous

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NONE NOW KNOWN

Experts Hold Intervention Is to furnish it. Neither will he be able Bound to Come, Though It May Be Staved Off Now.

Washington, May 3.-That the elimination of Victoriano Huerta, whether it come as the result of mediation, of Constitutionalist victories or the unswervprove far from a settlement of the his advent to control meant that they

the diplomatic body in Washington and military experts of the United States. | and a mule." They were disappointed While the effort to mediate the pres- and it was not long before Mader

sympathy of diplomats in Washington overthrowing the Porfirio Diaz régime and their respective governments, some And when some of Madero's follower of which are rendering unofficial but no engaged in a campaign of graft equalless valuable assistance, they are con- ing anything the old pernicious group vinced that even if mediation results of Cientificos did to the federal tresin an agreement between the contend- ury the feeling against the new regime ing factions a real solution of the Mex- became intense. ing factions a real solution of the steaming factions are solved for the steaming factions as the steaming faction of the steaming factions are solved for the steaming factions are solved for the steaming faction of the steaming factions are solved for the steaming faction of the steaming fa plished.

this feeling, and it is the conviction of lowed the Civil War in this country. the military authorities. Indeed, few and in the estimation of keen observed doubt that the Mexican "situation" that unfortunate country has no states will continue for months, or even years. man competent to guide her through Army and navy men are convinced that its perlis. These observers fear areif actual armed intervention is staved etition of Madero's experience. The off now it will be only a matter of are convinced that Carranza will find time before that step will have to be taken. taken.

Huerta's End Seen.

Observers here believe there can be only one outcome of the present crisis kindred gentry. -the elimination of Huerta and the passing of the government in Mexico City to the Constitutionalists. Whether the mediation is successful or not, Huerta will go. There is no escape for him this time. If he does not get addressed him from the saddle. This ing peace sermons and saying prayers out voluntarily, as the administration hopes he will, he will fall either through rebel success or through the alienation of his supporters and the collapse of his government in Mexico
City. If he agrees to retire the result
will soon be attained. If he clings to his office it may be a matter of weeks.

> government probably will be arranged pending an election. Such is the desire of the United States and the definite plan of the mediators. The fall of the country, loyal to no government. Huerta may be taken as a Constitutionalist victory—it certainly will be by tionalist victory-it certainly will be by the Constitutionalists-and it is understood here that the provisional Presi- 2 SHOT IN STRIKE RIOTS Kegwein, of the West End Church, spoke dent probably will be a man of rebel from Isaiah's words, "He that believeth tendencies. The election which would follow would go to the Constitutionalists. Who will be the candidate is not yet known. What diplomats are now considering

The chances they believe to be remote. Task for a Superman.

the chances of the Constitutionalists

establishing a firm and stable govern-

ment in Mexico City which will control

the south and restore peace and order.

There have already been evidences of Wilson, but it is to be feared that this If there exists any factionalism when relief would be only shortlived. The those who are now rebels become the tower had reported a large force of the Huerta question, indeed, never has government the chances of success will enemy in sight, and Captain Taylor and been a difficult one to solve. What is be still further diminished. If Car-Captain Sullivan had already taken up difficult is the Mexican question, and ranza becomes President he will be defensive positions against their ap- that will remain until the United States confronted with a task which, in the proach. As the force which the Federal either resolves to solve it in her own opinion of observers here, will call for officer claimed greatly outnumbered the way or determines to wash her hands a superman. If Carranza is hampered twenty years old, a by-stander.

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ions of dollars in foreign claims. The

figure is likely to run far over the

billion dollar mark. Furthermore, he will not have the funds to meet his own political and other obligations. It is declared that a large number of his followers are rebels EQUAL TO THE TASK for loot and gain, who expect easy money when they get to Mexico City, Carranga, it is asserted, will be unable immediately to grant all the benevolent boons to the country which the revolutionary leaders have been promising and he will run grave risk of quickly

becoming unpopular. Madero Had Same Problem.

It was so with Madero. He made many promises. He said that he would settle the great agrarian problem at once. Thousands of peons thought that Mexican problem, is the conviction of would get free food, a blanket and, may be, a few pesos for spending money It was the old story of "Twenty acres ent difficulties meets with the cordial became hopelessly unpopular a

Some United States officials share far more difficult than that which for the pleasure of his people and that soon he will be confronted with new "Carranzas" and new "Villas" and

Aside from his financial difficulties Carranza, or whoever else become head of the government, will face a gigantic task in restoring peace and order. All Mexico is infested with bandits. The north is particularly at their mercy. Many are now Constitutionalists, but, it is declared, there is me reason to assume that they will cess

their marauding because the governnot expected to support Carranza. The

When Huerta goes some provisional ambitions of his own.

There is also a strong likelihood the pending an election. Such is the desire of the United States and the definite of the United States and the Unit

Serious Clashes in Traction Strike at Freeland, Penn.

Freeland. Penn., May 3.—Two persons were shot in clashes between Sheriff deputies and striking motormen and conductors of the Lehigh Valley Tree tion Company and their sympathic here last night and to-day. The trouble was started, it is alleged, by boys hot ing and jeering the crews which hate taken the places of the strikers. John Gallagher, eighteen years old, was sho in the knee by a bullet said to have been fired by a deputy sheriff late last

This incident caused great exciteme and when the company started the carr to-day, large crowds gathered Jerred the crews upon the arrival of each friends of one of the crews, opened fire